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SUBJECT: Lower Granite Lock and Dam, Letter Supplement No. 5 to
Lower Granite Master Plan--Design Memorandum No. 28, Coast Guard
Station Site, Reclassification of Project Operations to
Recreation

CDR, North Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 2870,
Portland, OR 97208-2870

FOR Commander, Walla Walla District *Jan 12 May 89*

1. We have reviewed the proposed reclassification of the site from Project Operations to Recreation in order that the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) may develop an office and informational center for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.
2. It appears that the proposed use will jointly benefit the USFS and the Corps. As such your request is approved.
3. Approval provided herewith is limited to the requested land use reclassification and should not be construed as approving the specific development plans of the U.S. Forest Service. Ultimate development plans for the area in question will require separate approval. Such plans must be fully justified and coordinated with other involved agencies. The proposed U.S. Forest Service development should not impact the existing trail system that parallels the river.
4. Appropriate modifications to the Master Plan should be made when updated.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CENPW-PL-PF (1110-2-1150a)

31 March 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, North Pacific Division,
ATTN: CENPD-PL

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1. Location: The site is located along the Snake River at RM
142.5 in Asotin County 1 mile from Clarkston and 3 miles from
Asotin, Washington; Section 4, T. 10N, R. 46 E, WM (see enclo-
sure 1).

2. Acreage: Approximately 3.8

3. Land Use Allocation: Project Operations

4. Current Land Use Classification: Project Operations

5. Proposed Land Use Classification: Recreation

6. Background:

a. The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS), Hells Canyon National Recreation Area (HCNRA), has requested a 25-year permit through Real Estate Division for development of an office and information center on the extreme end of Swallows Park (see enclosures 2 and 3). This will be the major information center of the HCNRA. Approximately 3.0 acres of the proposed site are currently classified Recreation and 3.8 acres are classified Project Operations (see enclosure 4). To allow the proposed use by the USFS, the Project Operation land use classification will have to be changed to Recreation. Stated in ER 1130-2-1, Project Operations classification is defined as lands required solely for the operation of the project.

b. Upon approval from the Corps, the USFS will construct the facilities in phases, first move in a temporary office and information center and begin landscape development (grass, shade trees, signs, paved parking, and walkways). Next the USFS will modularly construct a permanent office, warehouse, and visitors center. The visitor information services provided at this

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office will include the HCNRA as well as other National Forest facilities surrounding the Lewis-Clark Valley. It also will provide information on National Park Service and Corps of Engineers projects, such as Lower Granite and Dworshak. The HCNRA boat patrol will be based at the site. Detailed development plans will be subject to CENPW approval.

c. The area was classified in Lower Granite Master Plan as Project Operations for the U. S. Coast Guard's Clarkston Station. However, a letter dated 26 August 1983 from the Coast Guard stated they now did not see any future need to develop a Coast Guard Station on the site and released any claim to the site.

7. Current Condition: The subject parcel includes non-irrigated dryland grass, a boat basin, and portion of the Clearwater and Snake River National Recreation Trail.

8. District Coordination: The proposed change has been coordinated with Operations Division, Real Estate Division, and Engineering Division.

9. Conclusion: Reclassification action must be approved prior to the issuance of the permit. The proposed use of the site by the USFS is similar in use to the U. S. Coast Guard, with additional opportunity for the public to be better served by this location versus the current location at Hells Gate State Park. Also, the Corps has the opportunity to participate in the future visitor center. This site is located on an entrance to the HCNRA (water and road).

10. Recommendation: It is recommended that approval be granted to change land use classifications of the described parcel from Project Operations to Recreation. Please call Blaise Grden, Master Plan Study Manager, at ext. 6541 if there are any questions regarding this subject.

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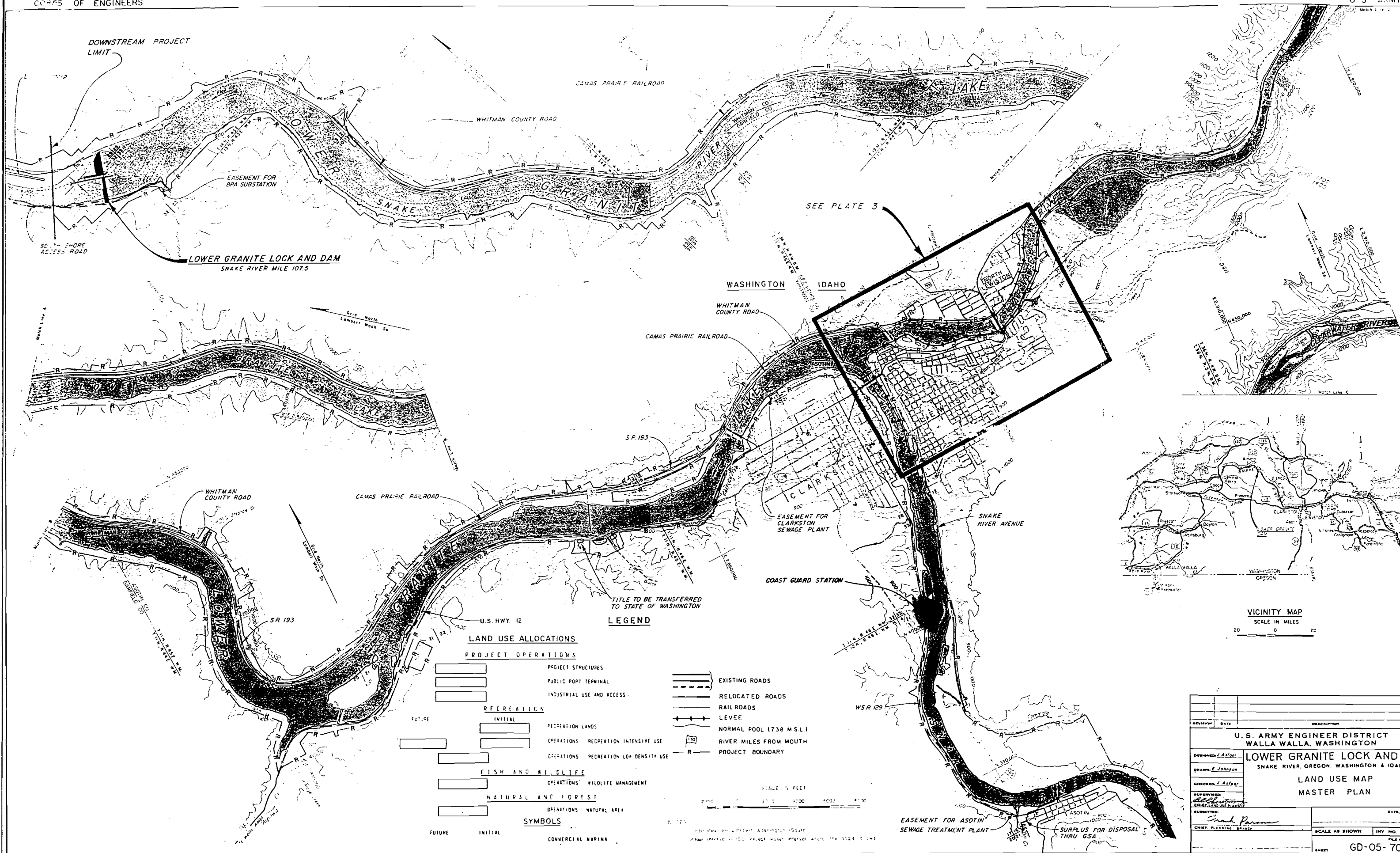
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Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
3620-B Snake River Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501

Reply to 7310

Date September 2, 1987

Jim Clay
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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City County Airport
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear Jim,

Enclosed are two copies of the latest sketch of our proposed facilities at the Swallows Park site.

I met with Bill Ruchert of the Washington Department of Transportation yesterday and it appears that we will have to use the existing entrance, rather than the separate entrance shown on the first drawing. The safety problems associated with the separate entrance are too great.

While viewing the site on the ground it appeared that the bike path was in a different location than that shown on the site plan. On one of the sketches I've noted a rough location for the actual path.

Utilizing the existing entrance means that we will be occupying more ground than I had originally thought. I would hope that we could hold options open for the architect to design facilities within the area from the Island Access Road up-river to the point where the land ends against the highway right-of-way. This area is cross-hatched on one of the sketches.

We have completed a study of office options in the Lewiston-Clarkston area. Of the six alternatives considered, this location appeared to be the best and has been recommended to the Forest Supervisor. I expect a decision soon and hope we can keep this option open.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Seamans

ARTHUR L. SEAMANS
Assistant Project Manager

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Enclosures

Enclosure 2





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Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
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Reply to 7310

Date April 20, 1988

Jim Clay
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Dear Jim,

We hope that arrangements may be satisfactorily made for the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area Office to occupy the waterfront area on the South end of Swallows Park. Please amend our original proposal to include the water area of the adjacent boat bay as per our conversation at the site on March 23, 1988.

Our use of that site for an office, work station and public contact point should mutually benefit our agencies in many ways. The following list provides some examples but is by no means complete:

- 1) There will be a substantial savings to the United States. Land already federally owned will be used for a federal office that serves the public. This site has outstanding attributes to enhance that service.
- 2) A parcel of presently undeveloped ground adjacent to COE operated recreation facilities will be attractively landscaped with grass, shade trees, signs, paved parking and walkways. The beauty of Swallows Park will be enhanced by a facility compatible with its recreation objectives.
- 3) Visitor information services provided at this office are not limited to the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. It serves as a service center for National Forests surrounding the Lewis-Clark Valley. It also carries recreation information (maps, brochures, etc.) on National Parks and Corps of Engineers Projects such as Lower Granite and Dworshak.
- 4) The office serves as a sales outlet for the Pacific Northwest National Parks and Forests Association. The Association's emphasis is on the sale of interpretative and informational materials. These include Corps of Engineers navigation charts and could be expanded to include other COE materials.
- 5) The office complex will include a lighted exterior orientation/information center that will provide recreation information to visitors full time, even when the office is closed. We would hope this attractive and functional center would include information on the levee parkway and bike trails.



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Jim Clay

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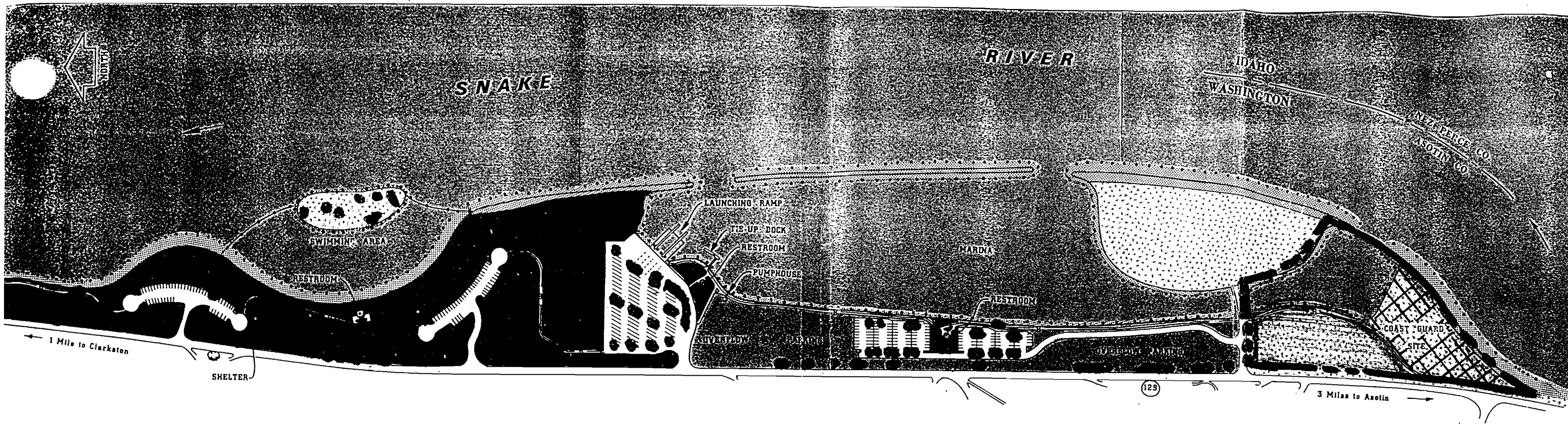
- 6) Recreation organizations and agencies in the Lewis-Clark Valley have an unusual level of cooperation. Our use of this site will further that spirit of cooperation.
- 7) On a more functional level, our agencies cooperate in maintenance of navigation aids and permit inspection on the Snake River in Hells Canyon. The Forest Service provides transportation for Corps of Engineers personnel and keeps them informed of events in the canyon. The patrol boat will be based at this site.

I would hope these significant benefits to the overall Corps of Engineers mission in the Lewis-Clark Valley would allow a permit to be issued without a land use fee. Savings would be significant if it was not necessary to transfer funds from one agency to the other.

Sincerely,



ARTHUR L. SEAMANS
Assistant Area Ranger



LAND USE CLASSIFICATION



Recreation



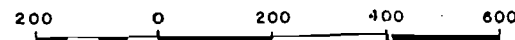
Project Operations

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JAN 89

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